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## **Sen. Hardiman makes good on Pistons-Lakers deal with California senator**

**LANSING** — To celebrate the Detroit Pistons winning the NBA championship, Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, will be sending his California counterpart Michigan goods and products reflecting our State.

Now with the loss by the Los Angeles Lakers, California Sen. Bob Margett, R-Arcadia, is sending Hardiman various goods from his state to make good on the deal. The two Republican senators each represent their state's 29<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which for Margett is a part of Los Angeles County and nearby suburbs such as Anaheim and Yorba Linda. The Senators had agreed before the NBA finals to exchange these goods reflecting each state in the finals.

But Margett, too, will get a taste of his counterpart's state. Hardiman now has his staff collecting Michigan products from Traverse City, fudge from Mackinac Island and team gear from the Tigers, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

"As proud and happy as I am to see the Pistons send the Lakers home as second best, I'm also proud to send out some of things that make our Great Lakes state great," Hardiman said.

Besides both serving in their state's Senate, Margett was the mayor of his home city, Arcadia. Hardiman served as mayor of Kentwood before winning election to the Senate.

"I'm surprised to have seen the NBA finals end so soon, but not surprised that the Detroit Pistons pulled off the championship," Hardiman said.

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